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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Another fall is upon us and we have had a year to remember by all accounts. With last fall rolling in on the winds and waters of Katrina and Rita, we met unexpected challenges, measured our losses and counted our blessings. Here's hoping this fall will be a gentler and happier season for the Gulf Coast. On a personal note, my fall arrives with a blessing on a grand scale, with the birth of my first grandchild, Azalea Bliss Accardo. I trust that all the parents and grandparents among us will indulge me in taking advantage of this captive audience to boast of her perfection and to share our joyous celebration.

As for the professional

realm, the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition was a fine event, and it was great to be in New Orleans and to see the familiar faces of so many colleagues from around the country. THANK YOU to the members of our Local Host Committee and to their employers for making this conference a success. And with the ACE behind us, the Louisiana Section is now busy preparing for our annual fall conference. We will return to the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge this November 14th and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help us make our local conference a success.

And before the fall conference, I hope you will join us for the September dinner

meeting, where Secretary Mike McDaniel will speak to us about the status of Ozone attainment in the Baton Rouge area. I'll be sure to bring some more grandbaby pictures....



Bliss M. Higgins  
Louisiana Section Chair

## EPA PROMOTES BLUE SKYWAYS COLLABORATIVE

The Blue Skyways Collaborative was created to encourage voluntary air emissions reduction in North America's heartland. Conceived on a cocktail napkin at a business meeting in Bandera, Texas, in 2004, the collaborative has since grown into a full-fledged program with the help of CenSARA and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Participants of the

collaborative celebrated a kick-off meeting in February of 2006 and the organization has been attracting new members ever since.

Through partnership with non-profit and environmental groups, private industries and international, federal, state and local governments Blue Skyways strives to improve air quality.

Collaborative Members

and Partners pledge to make that goal possible through active and meaningful participation in planning or implementation of projects that use innovations in diesel engines, alternative fuels and renewable energy technologies. Working together allows members to leverage funding, share technology and professional expertise.

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## SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

The September dinner meeting will be held on September 21, 2006 at Zea Rotisserie at 1525 St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans. The meeting will begin with a social hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Dr. Mike McDaniel, Ph.D. will be the featured speaker for this meeting. Dr. McDaniel will speak on the Status of

Ozone Attainment and current planning activities.

Questions about the September Dinner Meeting or the menu? Contact Katie Ricks by email at [rickskr@airproducts.com](mailto:rickskr@airproducts.com), by phone at (504)390-0227 or you can fax her your registration form to (610) 706-5824.

See Page 7 for a copy of the September Dinner Meeting Registration Form.



### September Dinner

#### Meeting

#### Registration

\$35 for Member/  
Corporate sponsor

\$40 for Non-  
member

\$45 At the door

\$15 for DEQ/  
Student

## IMPORTANT DATES

September 21, 2006—LA Section Dinner Meeting—ZEA Rotisserie, New Orleans

November 14-15, 2006—LA Section Fall Conference—Holiday Inn Select, Baton Rouge

## LSU STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

The Louisiana State University student chapter is on summer vacation. Congratulations to all recent graduates, especially to outgoing

Chair, Mr. Michael Oubre.

And, just a reminder that all Louisiana Section members are invited to attend any meeting of the LSU Student

Chapter. If you are interested in participating in any of the Student Chapter activities, please contact Raquel Murphy.



### LOUISIANA SECTION-AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Monitor is published bi-monthly as a service to members of the Louisiana Section of A&WMA in an effort to promote closer professional and personal relations among members of the Section.

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Photo at Left: LSU Student Chapter members at the Louisiana Section March Dinner Meeting at The Cabin: (Shown L to R) Paul Guillory, Blaine Petite, Benjamin Aucoin ,Bonnie Wooley, Erica Namba, Katie Magoun, Sophie Levy, Michael Oubre, and Racquel Murphy (Education Committee Co-Chair).

## THANK YOU!

The members of the Louisiana Section would like to express our appreciation to these EMPLOYERS for their generous support of the A&WMA 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition by allowing their outstanding employees to serve on the Local Host Committee.

We could not have succeeded without you!

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome to our newest members:

Tessa Craig	Providence Engineering
Muna Esmail	URS Corporation
Arlys Etienne	Jacobs Engineering
Alice Fredlund	Louisiana DEQ
Thomas Gildersleeve	Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips Ltd.
Charles Grant	Chemical Waste Management
J. Alan Harrell	Phelps Dunbar LLP

Todd Harter	Honeywell
Angelique Hebert	URS Corporation
Gordon Moore	C-K Associates, LLC
Charles Preston	Gramercy Alumina
Robert Raines	ALTEC Environmental Consultants
Greg Ritter	URS Corporation
Raghunandan Soule	Trinity Consultants, Inc.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Each year, the Louisiana Section of the Air and Waste Management Association is pleased to offer its Scholarship Award Program at the collegiate level, promoting air and waste management practices by encouraging academic excellence in these areas.

This year's recipients are as follows:

Mr. Amitdyuti Sengupta (UNO) received the Gus VonBoden- gen award \$3,000.

Ms. Chrystal Beasley (LSU) , Mr. Joseph Leblanc (ULM) and Mr. Ayobamidele Bello (McNeese) were all recipients of \$2,000 scholarships.

Please join us in congratulating the scholarship winners who were announced at the May 18th Dinner Meeting!

(L to R) Mr. Joseph Leblanc, Ms. Chrystal Beasley, Mr. Amitdyuti Sengupta with Raquel Murphy—Education Committee Co-Chair.



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## 99TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION

By all counts, the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) of the Air & Waste Management Association held in New Orleans in June was an outstanding success. From Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu's welcoming address on Tuesday morning until the close of the sessions at noon on Friday, the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center was a bustle of activity. Those of you who were in attendance were part of a very important event, as the Association's Annual Conference marked the return of

major conventions to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Not only was our conference the first event since last August to combine the elements of both a conference and an exhibition at the Convention Center, it was the very first event to take place in Hall E since Hurricane Katrina.

The attendees could not have been more gracious in their praise for all who helped make their experience so positive. Praise was lauded upon all with whom they came in contact including taxi

drivers, hotel bellmen, restaurant wait staff and not the least, the members of our ACE Local Host Committee to whom I owe a huge personal thank-you. Probably the most poignant comment that I heard regarding the conference was actually the "lack of comment" that was expressed to me by Association Executive Director Adrienne Carolla in a recent conversation. In that conversation, Adrienne said to me, "This is the first Annual Conference that I can remember in which I did not have to field a single

negative comment." That expression certainly sums up the success of the event!

In closing, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your General Conference Chair for the 2006 Annual Conference & Exhibition. And, again, a sincere thank-you to the entire Local Host Committee members listed below.

**Bill Palermo**  
**General Conference Chair**

Michael Vince	General Conference Vice-Chair	Katie Ricks	Welcome Committee Co-Chair
Andy Lavin	Technical Program Vice-Chair	Carolee Laffoon	Outreach Committee Co-Chair
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Dave Hoffman	Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair	Renee Smith-Tadie	Public Relations Committee Co-Chair
Ron Crum	Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair	Kyle Beall	Public Relations Committee Co-Chair
J. Cressend Schonberg	Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair	Karen Fisher-Brasher	Monitors & Volunteers Co-Chair
Cindy Thompson	Student Program Co-Chair	Raquel Murphy	Monitors & Volunteers Co-Chair
Karen Brignac	Student Program Co-Chair	Kelly Bradberry	Entertainment & Décor Committee Co-Chair
Beth Palermo	Social Program Co-Chair	Claudia Nethery	Entertainment & Décor Committee Co-Chair
Betty Dowling	Social Program Co-Chair	Ed Lee	Golf Tournament Co-Chair
Henry Graham	Tours & Transportation Co-Chair	Greg Johnson	Golf Tournament Co-Chair & Local Support
Barrett Cieutat	Tours & Transportation Co-Chair	Fred Dowling	Local Support
Sharon Duke	Welcome Committee Co-Chair	Karla Swacker	Environmental Friendly Committee Chair

## DEQ EXPEDITED PERMIT PROCESSING

Acts 586 and 779 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session authorized the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop an expedited permitting program.

The statutes allow interested applicants to request expedited permit processing. If DEQ approves the request, the applicant will reimburse

the department for overtime costs incurred by DEQ employees that work overtime to expedite a permit, modification, license, registration or variance. These statutes also afford the department the opportunity to hire contractors to perform this work if deemed necessary.

Emergency Rule OS073E establishes regulations for a

pilot expedited permit program and is available on the [department's website](#).

A stakeholders meeting will be scheduled to allow interested parties to provide feedback on the pilot program.

The Department is currently developing procedures for processing requests for expedited processing of per-

mits. A link to a list of requests for expedited permit processing is located on the Department's [public notice page](#).

If you have any questions, or would like to request expedited processing of a permit, modification, license or variance please review Emergency Rule OS073E or contact Cheryl Nolan at (225) 219-3001.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND STUDENT CHAPTERS

If you are interested in volunteering some time to speak with our student chapters about their future career in the environmental industry, they would LOVE to hear from you!!!

The Education Committee is also interested in soliciting your assistance with the student

chapters in the following areas:

1. Planning educational meetings for the LSU students, both within and outside the campus (ideas include tours of nearby facilities, discussions with regulators, industry representatives, etc regarding career opportunities, and assistance with community service

projects).

2. Development of New Orleans chapters at Tulane University and the University of New Orleans.

Please contact either Raquel Murphy ([rmurphy@us-risk.com](mailto:rmurphy@us-risk.com)) or Beth Hughes ([beth.hughes@c-ka.com](mailto:beth.hughes@c-ka.com)) for more details.

**STAY TUNED FOR THE LOUISIANA SECTION ON THE WEB AT**

[WWW.LA-AWMA.ORG](http://WWW.LA-AWMA.ORG)



## DEQ ANNUAL ASBESTOS AND LEAD WORKSHOP

The annual LDEQ Asbestos/Lead Workshop will be held on **Thursday, September 14, 2006**. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the workshop will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Galvez I Building Conference Center located at 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. You may park at the Galvez parking garage (across the street from the

Galvez office building). Please bring your parking ticket to the workshop for validation.

This workshop is being held at no charge to attendees, and no pre-registration is required. However, please try to arrive approximately 15 – 30 minutes early so that you may register on-site.

Members of the LDEQ Asbestos and Lead staff will address topics

of interest and/or concerns. Rule changes have been put on hold.

New department forms are available online on the Asbestos and Lead [webpage](#). Please discard any old forms you may have.

Should you have any questions, please contact Phil Eckert, Environmental Scientist Supervisor, at (225) 219-3049.

## CAIR IMPLEMENTATION

The Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC), on August 25, 2006, issued its staff paper regarding implementation of the EPA's Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). LPSC staff have been working with DEQ to analyze the rule and the implementation impacts on utilities and ratepayers in the state. If you would like to read the staff paper, [Click Here](#).

## BLUE SKYWAYS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Today, Blue Skyways incorporates ten states, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico, and the area along the borders with Canada and Mexico.

The collaborative envisions a future where organizations will work together to reduce air emissions and prove that the heartland of America is the Cen-

tral Corridor of Innovation.

For more information on the Blue Skyways Collaborative, visit the [website](#) or contact the DEQ Task Force member—Michael Vince at 225-219-3485.



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Please join us for the LA Section of the  
Air and Waste Management Association's  
September Dinner Meeting

At

**Zea Rotisserie**

1525 St. Charles Ave.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
(504) 520-8100



**Date: Thursday, September 21st**

**Time: Social begins at 5:30, Dinner Served at 6:30**

DEQ Secretary Dr. Mike McDaniel, Ph.D. will be the featured dinner speaker.

Dr. McDaniel will speak on the Status and Planning for Ozone Attainment.

**Reservations:** Please EMAIL Katie Ricks at [rickskr@airproducts.com](mailto:rickskr@airproducts.com), fax this form to 610-706-5824 or call Katie at (504-254-6202) for reservations by **Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at NOON**. **Full name, company, and credit card information must be provided and is the only way to secure a reservation. Your credit card will be used only as a guarantee and will not be charged until September 21st.** You may still pay by company check or personal check at the meeting but, if you do not attend, your credit card will be charged for the number of people for which you made a reservation.

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**Meeting Registration Fee:** \$35 Members/Corporate Sponsors

\$40 Nonmembers    \$15 LDEQ/Students    \$45 at the door

**Menu**

*Salad*

*Choice of:*

*Rotisserie Chicken*

*Breaux Bridge Pasta*

*Wood Grilled Trout*

*Dessert*

*Chocolate Toffee Mousse*